Facilities at IGI Airport, New Delhi

474. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new report has ranked the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI) in New Delhi among the world's worst five airports;

(b) whether it is a also a fact that visitors have reported aggressive panhandlers and filthy bathrooms where attendants charge for toilet paper; and

(c) if so, the steps Government proposes to take to improve the rank of Indira Gandhi International Airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Government is not aware of any such report.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Upgradation programmes of the IGI airport is under progress.

Sepcial air package for Buddhist places

475. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to connect Buddhist places of pilgrimage in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh like Bodh Gaya, Nalanda, Patna, Sarnath, Kushinagar and Gorakhpur (for Lumbini) by air;

(b) whether there is any special package being considered for both Indian and foreign pilgrims; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Scheduled air services are available to/from Gaya, Patna and Gorakhpur. Access to Nalanda and Sarnath is available through Patna and Varanasi respectively.

(b) and (c) National Aviation Company of India Limited (brand name Air India) in collaboration with leading hotels and tour operators offers a single window holiday packages product, with wide range of options for both domestic and international destinations.

Development of Sanganer Airport, Jaipur

†476. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of action taken for making Sanganer (Jaipur) Airport as an International Airport;

(b) by when, the work would be completed;

(c) whether it is a fact that no arrangements are being made to install radar at the airport;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.